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April 9, 2002

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT 7099 3400 0016 8896 3885

David Godlewski Teck Cominco American, Inc. 15918 East Euclid Avenue P.O. Box 3087 Spokane, Washington 99220

Re: Five-Year Review of Reclamation Surety Estimate, Teck Cominco American, Inc., Apex Mine, M/053/004, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Godlewski:

Thank you for providing the requested information regarding the five-year review status of your Apex Mine, located in Washington County, Utah. The last surety estimate for this mine was \$48,200 in 1996 dollars. Upon review of the information furnished by Teck Cominco, which stated that there had been no changes at the site, we find we only need to escalate the present bond for a five-year period.

The surety for the Apex Mine escalated to the year 2007 is \$57,300. A Surety Estimate Update is attached for your use. Please provide the updated surety within 60 days or no later than June 7, 2002.

If you provide a rider to the existing surety, only minor changes will be required on the Reclamation Contract (please strikethrough the surety amount located on page 2 (enclosed) of the contract, leave it in place, then place the new amount above the old strikethrough amount and initial the change and return the contract to the Division). However, if you choose to post another form of surety, please contact Joelle Burns at (801) 538-5291 to obtain the current bonding forms or you may access the current forms on the internet at www.nr.utah.gov. If you replace the surety with another form, you will need to replace the entire Reclamation Contract. The Reclamation Contract can also be found on the web along with the bonding forms, or contact us and we will forward one to you.

If you are unable to provide the surety within this timeframe, please contact the Division with justification for requesting additional time. Thank you for your help in keeping the surety current. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Doug Jensen at (801) 538-5382.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg

Permit Supervisor

Minerals Regulatory Program

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Attachment: Surety estimate update cc: Doug Jensen, DOGM

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"OPERATOR'S REGISTERED AGENT":		
(Name)	C T Corporation System	
(Address)	50 West Broadway 8th Floor	
	Salt Lake City, Utah 84101-2006	
(Phone)	(801) 364-5101	
"OPERATOR'S OFFICER(S)":	See Attached	
"SURETY": (Form of Surety - Attachment B)	Surety Bond	
"SURETY COMPANY": (Name, Policy or Acct. No.)	St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co	
"SURETY AMOUNT": (Escalated Dollars)	\$48,200	
"ESCALATION YEAR":	2002	
"STATE": "DIVISION":	State of Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining	
"BOARD":	Board of Oil, Gas and Mining	
ATTACHMENTS: A "DISTURBED AREA": B "SURETY":		
This Declaration Contract (housingflow	referred to an IIC entropy in a national inte	

This Reclamation Contract (hereinafter referred to as "Contract") is entered into between Teck Cominco American Incorporated the "Operator" and the Utah State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining ("Division").

WHEREAS, Operator desires to conduct mining operations under Notice of Intention (NOI) File No. M/053/004 which has been approved by the Utah State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, Sections 40-8-1 et seq., Utah Code Annotated, (1953, as amended) (hereinafter referred to as "Act") and implementing rules; and

WHEREAS, Operator is obligated to reclaim that area described as the Disturbed Area as set forth and in accordance with Operator's approved Reclamation Plan, and Operator is obligated to provide surety in form and amount approved by the Division, to assure reclamation of the Disturbed Area.

SUBETY ESTIMATE UPDATE

Teck Cominco American, Inc.

08-Pril-2002

Apex Mine

M/053/004

Washington County

Prepared by Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

Last Update 12/24/96

DESCRIPTION:

-Previous reclamation surety estimate was \$48,200 in year 2002 dollars

-Reclamation Estimate base amount calculated in 1989-\$

-This update adjusts the surety amount for escalation only.

-Escalation factors through 2002 are actual Means Historical Cost Indices

-Total disturbed area =

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CALCULATIONS		ESCAL	BOND
F = P(1 + i)**n	YR	FACTOR	AMOUNT
	1987	0.0195	\$0
	1988	0.0181	\$0
	1989	0.0177	\$35,797
	1990	0.0077	\$36,073
	1991	0.0127	\$36,531
	1992	0.0221	\$37,338
	1993	0.0261	\$38,313
	1994	0.0321	\$39,542
	1995	0.0193	\$40,306
F = Future Sum	1996	0.0242	\$41,281
P = Present Sum	1997	0.0236	\$42,255
i = Escalation Factor	1998	0.0502	\$44,376
n = number of periods	1999	0.0191	\$45,224
	2000	0.0244	\$46,328
Three Yr Average = 2.82%	2001	0.0460	\$48,459
Used to Project 5 Yrs	2002	0.0282	\$49,825
From the Year 2002	2003	0.0282	\$51,230
	2004	0.0282	\$52,675
	2005	0.0282	\$54,160
	2006	0.0282	\$55,688
	2007	0.0282	\$57,258
Updated Surety Amount Roun	\$57,300		
** Average cost per acre =	\$6,367	(\$/ACRE)	

Via Federal Express



Catherine Suda Geologist, Land Administration m/53/004

March 21, 2002

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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Re: Five-year Review Update, Reclamation Contract M053004

Attached is a map depicting the permit area for Reclamation Contract M053004 covering the Apex Mine in Washington County, Utah. Note that no mining activity has taken place since Cominco American, now Teck Cominco American, acquired the property. There are no active mining operations on the property at this time. No additional facilities have been built since the original reclamation contract was completed in 1984 by Hecla Mining Co.

Teck Cominco American has undertaken reclamation of several of the existing adits and shafts on the property in the last month. Openings listed on the map as numbers 2,3,4 and 7 have been capped with foam plugs and backfill material and warning signs have been posted. Location 6 was fenced for safety. Next year's plan is to reclaim the existing quarry on the mine property.

If you would like additional information during your five-year review process, please feel free to contact either David Godlewski, Environmental and Public Relations Manager, or me in the Spokane office.

Sincerely,

Catherine Suda

Geologist, Land Administration

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cc: D. W. Godlewski

JB DOGM M'053/004	4/9/02	
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